

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1824 - HB 2427

March 1, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes counties to provide group life, hospitalization, disability, or medical insurance for volunteer firefighters who have successfully completed the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Personnel and Standard Education Certification Exam for Firefighter I and practiced as a volunteer firefighter for at least one year.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$50,000/Permissive

Assumptions:

- This bill does not require counties to provide group life, hospitalization, disability, or medical insurance to volunteer firefighters. Any action taken by counties to provide insurance to volunteer firefighters under this legislation is permissive.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, there are 15,161 county volunteer firefighters in Tennessee.
- The number of counties electing to provide coverage to volunteer firefighters, the number of county volunteer firefighters eligible to receive insurance coverage; the insurance coverages that each county will elect to provide; and the cost or premiums for each county providing insurance coverage are unknown; however, the permissive and recurring increase in local government expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$50,000 statewide.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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